



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2013-0029]

Whistleblower Protection Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Announcement of a meeting of the Whistleblower Protection Advisory Committee (WPAC).

SUMMARY: WPAC will meet March 11, 2014, in Washington, DC.

DATES:

WPAC meeting: WPAC will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., E.T., Tuesday, March 11, 2014. WPAC Work Groups will meet on Monday, March 10, 2014.

Written comments, requests to speak, speaker presentations, and requests for special accommodation: You must submit (postmark, send, transmit) comments, requests to address the WPAC meeting, speaker presentations (written or electronic), and requests for special accommodations for the WPAC meeting by February 21, 2014.

ADDRESSES:

WPAC meeting: WPAC will meet in Room N-3437A-C, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210.

Submission of comments, requests to speak, and speaker presentations: You may submit comments, requests to speak at the WPAC meeting, and speaker presentations using one of the following methods:

Electronically: You may submit materials, including attachments, electronically

at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the on-line instructions for submissions.

Facsimile (Fax): If your submission, including attachments, does not exceed 10 pages, you may fax it to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

Regular mail, express mail, hand delivery, or messenger (courier) service: You may submit your materials to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA-2013-0029, Room N-2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627). OSHA's Docket Office accepts deliveries (hand deliveries, express mail, and messenger service) during normal business hours, 8:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., E.T., weekdays.

Requests for special accommodations: Please submit your request for special accommodations to attend the WPAC meeting to Ms. Frances Owens, OSHA, Office of Communications, Room N-3647, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-1999; e-mail owens.frances@dol.gov.

Instructions: Your submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this Federal Register notice (Docket No. OSHA-2013-0029). Due to security-related procedures, submissions by regular mail may experience significant delays. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about security procedures for making submissions. For additional information on submitting comments, requests to speak, and speaker presentations, see the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

OSHA will post comments, requests to speak, and speaker presentations, including any personal information you provide, without change, at

<http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions you about submitting personal information such as Social Security numbers and birthdates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For press inquiries: Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, Room N-3647, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-1999; e-mail meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.

[mailto:](mailto:smith.meghan.p@dol.gov)For general information about WPAC and WPAC meetings: Ms. Meghan Smith, OSHA, Directorate of Whistleblower Protection Programs, Room N-4624, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2199; e-mail smith.meghan.p@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

WPAC Meeting

WPAC will meet Tuesday, March 11, 2014, in Washington, DC. WPAC meetings are open to the public.

The tentative agenda of the WPAC meeting includes:

- Remarks from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA);
- WPAC work group reports and discussion;
- WPAC and WPAC Work Group administrative business; and
- Public comments.

OSHA transcribes WPAC meetings and prepares detailed minutes of the meetings.

OSHA places the meeting transcripts and minutes in the public record of the WPAC

meeting. The public record also includes Work Group reports, speaker presentations, comments and other materials submitted to WPAC.

WPAC Work Groups

The WPAC work group meetings (11(c), Transportation Industry, and Best Practices and Corporate Culture) on March 10, 2014, are open to the public. The purpose of the work groups is to provide recommendations to the full WPAC committee on their subject matters. The work groups will report to WPAC at the March 11, 2014, meeting for discussion by the full committee.

For additional information on WPAC work group meetings or participating in them, please contact Ms. Smith or look on the WPAC page on OSHA's Web page at <http://www.whistleblowers.gov>.

Public Participation, Submissions, and Access to Public Record

WPAC meetings: All WPAC meetings are open to the public. Individuals attending meetings at the U.S. Department of Labor must enter the building at the visitors' entrance, 3rd and C Streets, NW, and pass through building security. Attendees must have valid government-issued photo identification (such as a driver's license) to enter the building. For additional information about building security measures for attending WPAC meetings, please contact Ms. Owens (see ADDRESSES section).

Individuals needing special accommodations to attend the WPAC meeting should contact to Ms. Owens as well.

Submission of written comments: You may submit comments using one of the methods identified in the ADDRESSES section. Your submissions must include the Agency name and docket number for this WPAC meeting (Docket No. OSHA-2013-

0029). OSHA will provide copies of submissions to WPAC members.

Because of security-related procedures, submissions by regular mail may experience significant delays. For information about security procedures for submitting materials by hand delivery, express mail, and messenger or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office (see ADDRESSES section).

Requests to speak and speaker presentations: If you want to address WPAC at the meeting you must submit your request to speak, as well as any written or electronic presentation, by February 21, 2014, using one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section. Your request must state:

- The amount of time requested to speak;
- The interest you represent (e.g., business, organization, affiliation), if any; and
- A brief outline of your presentation.

PowerPoint presentations and other electronic materials must be compatible with PowerPoint 2010 and other Microsoft Office 2010 formats.

The WPAC Chair may grant requests to address WPAC as time and circumstances permit.

Public docket of the WPAC meeting: OSHA will place comments, requests to speak, and speaker presentations, including any personal information you provide, in the public docket of this WPAC meeting without change, and those documents may be available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions you about submitting personal information such as Social Security numbers and birthdates.

OSHA also places in the public docket the meeting transcript, meeting minutes, documents presented at the WPAC meeting, and other documents pertaining to the

WPAC meeting. These documents are available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Access to the public record of WPAC meetings: To read or download documents in the public docket of this WPAC meeting, go to Docket No. OSHA-2013-0029 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The <http://www.regulations.gov> index also lists all documents in the public record for this meeting; however, some documents (e.g., copyrighted materials) are not publicly available through that webpage. All documents in the public record, including materials not available through <http://www.regulations.gov>, are available for inspection and copying in the OSHA Docket Office (see ADDRESSES section). Please contact the OSHA Docket Office for assistance in making submissions to, or obtaining materials from, the public docket.

Electronic copies of this Federal Register notice are available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. This notice, as well as news releases and other relevant information, also are available on the OSHA Webpage at <http://www.osha.gov>.

Authority and Signature

David Michaels, PhD, MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice under the authority granted by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2), its implementing regulations (41 CFR part 102-3), chapter 1600 of Department of Labor Management Series 3 (Mar. 17, 2008), Secretary of Labor's Order 1-2012 (Jan. 18, 2012), 77 FR 3912 (Jan. 25, 2012), and the Secretary of Labor's authority to administer the whistleblower provisions found in Section 11(c) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29 U.S.C. 660(c); the Surface Transportation Assistance Act, 49 U.S.C. 31105; the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, 15 U.S.C. 2651; the International Safe

Container Act, 46 U.S.C. 80507; the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-9(i); the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. 1367; the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. 2622; the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. 6971; the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7622; the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9610; the Energy Reorganization Act, 42 U.S.C. 5851; the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century, 49 U.S.C. 42121; the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, 18 U.S.C. 1514A; the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act, 49 U.S.C. 60129; the Federal Railroad Safety Act, 49 U.S.C. 20109; the National Transit Systems Security Act, 6 U.S.C. 1142; the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act, 15 U.S.C. 2087; Section 1558 of the Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148; the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, 12 U.S.C.A. 5567; the Seaman's Protection Act, 46 U.S.C. 2114; Section 402 of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, Public Law 111-353; and Section 31307 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, Public Law 112-141.

Signed at Washington, DC on January 17, 2014.

David Michaels,
Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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